This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) a polynucleotide which is at least 90% identical along its entire length to the polynucleotide of (a): a polynucleotide encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:4;

wherein said polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide that inhibits PC12 differentiation induced by FGF2 or NGF.

- (c) a polynucleotide capable of hybridizing to and which is at least identical to the polynucleotide of (a) or (b);
- (d) a polynucleotide fragment of the polynucleotide of (a), (b) or (c).
- 2. (Currently Amended) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide is DNA₇ or RNA or genomic DNA.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 1 which encodes the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
 - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Previously Presented) The polynucleotide of claim 1, comprising the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.
 - 6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Previously Presented) A vector containing the polynucleotide of claim 1.
- 8. (Currently Amended) An isolated A host cell transformed or transected with vector of claim 7.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising: expressing from the host cell of claim 8 the polypeptide encoded by said polynucleotide.

10. - 16. (Canceled)

- 17. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said (b) polynucleotide specifically hybridizes to the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 under hybridization conditions comprising washing at 2x SSC/0.05% SDS at room temperature for 40 minutes, followed by washing in 0.1x SSC/0.1% SDS at 50°C for 40 minutes.
- 18. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said sequence identity is at least 95%.
- 19. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said sequence identity is at least 97%.
- **20.** (New) The polynucleotide of claim 1, which encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1-144 of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- **21.** (New) The polynucleotide of claim 2, wherein said DNA is genomic DNA.

- **22.** (New) An isolated polynucleotide fragment which is a member selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a polynucleotide fragment of a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, and
- (b) a polynucleotide fragment which is at least 90% identical to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of SEQ ID NO:2,

wherein said polynucleotide fragment encodes a polypeptide that inhibits PC12 differentiation induced by FGF2 or NGF.

- 23. (New) The polynucleotide fragment of claim 22, wherein said (b) polynucleotide specifically hybridizes to the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1 under hybridization conditions comprising washing at 2x SSC/0.05% SDS at room temperature for 40 minutes, followed by washing in 0.1x SSC/0.1% SDS at 50°C for 40 minutes.
- 24. (New) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1-144 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a fragment of it comprising at least 24 nucleotides.